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SUBJECT: ODC SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,
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[1](#)1. SUMMARY. Interest in purchasing C-27 has been informally discussed; Multi-national military exercise is being hosted by Slovenia; HMMWV spare parts are arriving; Slovene uniforms available for EDA; Bell 412 IFF installation delays; ACSA may be signed by June; ODC Chief transition is being coordinated.

[1](#)2. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1) COL Zalokar, FORSCOM G-3 Chief and former 15 th Aviation Brigade Commander, mentioned again that Slovenia is interested in purchasing a transport aircraft similar in size and capabilities to the C-27 Spartan. Additional information is being gathered about the level of commitment to this request.

2) Slovenia's "Clever Ferret" Multi-National Land Forces event is being conducted during the month of May between Hungary, Italy, and Slovenia. Significant dates: 18 May - Visitors, 24 May - VIP day.

3) Slovenia has agreed to provide 5,000 uniforms as Excess Defense Articles and Sierra Leone is interested in them. We are coordinating with Slovenia to acquire pictures of the uniforms for Sierra Leone.

[1](#)A. FMF

1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (S3-D-TAC, \$650,194)
The Coordinator of the Language School has been an American since the language center opened, but the Slovenes will take over the position this year. The current coordinator departs 11 May. There are 36 Slovenian students in elementary English classes, 48 in intermediate classes, and 13 in an advanced class, all of whom continue until June.

2) HMMWV Spares. (S3-B-KZP, S3-B-KRA, S3-B-BAC, total \$192,810) The Army contacts worked hard to implement this case very quickly. The case is active, parts have been ordered, and some parts have already been received in Slovenia.

3) DRILL INSTRUCTOR (S3-B-OAB, \$153,522)
Recommendations from the drill instructor who was at Vipava Training Center observing Slovenia's basic training were formally provided to the MOD. ODC Chief and members of the General Staff will meet with the Commander of the Vipava Training Center in May to discuss the way ahead.

4) BELL 412 VHF RADIO and IFF (S3-B-UAJ/UAK)
Installation of the radios (UAJ) is proceeding, but has been delayed while the Slovenes await coordination from Rockwell Collins. This will cause a delay in the IFF installation (UAK), scheduled to begin 9 May in Prague. This delay will likely cause the case to exceed the original case value. Raytheon has asked us to assist in resolving this issue.

[1](#)B. DCS/CONTRACTOR

GPS. The Slovenes asked for an official explanation of the US approval process to obtain P-codes. ODC sent a message to EUCOM requesting an explanation of the process and received an email response from the J6 action officer, but no official response yet.

[1](#)D. IMET

1) Eight students have been processed for various technical and professional military training. The first two officers from the 18 th NBC battalion will attend Chemical Officer Basic course.

2) The training manager worked with the MILDEPs to program the majority of FY-06 courses that Slovenia requested.

[1](#)3. 2 ECL tests were administered to 16 students, all for FY 05 IMET and S3-B-OAC. A 3-point ECL waiver was granted to a student attending Health Care Specialist course.

1E. COUNTERTERRORISM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (CTFP).

1) Slovenia received CTFP funding for "Regional MET: Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism," Hungary (18 - 26 April 2005) and sent two participants to the seminar. Slovenia originally had three candidates for this event, but because the approval and funding were received only 2 days before the MET started, one candidate could not attend.

1F. MARSHALL CENTER.

1) "How to Win the Peace: Challenges, Concepts and Capabilities of 21st Century Crisis Management," Berlin, 6-8 April 2005. Three high-level officials from the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Parliament attended.

2) "Senior Executive Seminar 05-3: Challenges to NATO's Transformation: A Look Across the Mediterranean," 25 April - 6 May 2005. Slovenia got an approval to send three participants to this course (two slots allocated for Slovenia)- two from the Ministry of Defense and one from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1G. MIL-TO-MIL/BILATERAL AFFAIRS

1) BAO is coordinating for Brigadier Krkovic and MAJ Zakrajsek to observe Marine integration in North Carolina and South Carolina during June (SI-0781).

2) J4-ID and SPP is not able to support two NBC Operations events for Slovenia. Slovenia's stated contribution to NATO has been a strong NBC capability, therefore, these events are high priority. The SPP program is now searching for National Guard Units that may be able to participate.

3) J4-ID LRP planning meeting has been changed to a tele-conference/video-conference scheduled for 17 May.

4) LTC Poljsak, J-4, attended the Berlin Staff Ride 6 - 11 April. He said that the event was well planned and executed and he was able to make some significant points of contact regarding logistics training being conducted in Bulgaria. As a result of this, Slovenia was able to get two officers invited to a 7-week MTT developed by the Joint Movement Center that Bulgaria is going to conduct.

5) The BAO met with Navy Captain Edi Jeran, International Cooperation Events Coordinator at FORSCOM, J-9, on 9 April to discuss and prioritize FY 05 events and FY 06 events.

6) The BAO has attended several representational events to continue to build strong relationships in Slovenia and to support the Ambassadors speakers program. He attended the WWII commemoration ceremony in Javorvica, military event in Obina-Grad, was escort officer for Slovenes invited to Aviano by the DAO, and made a presentation at the Foreign Language School in Sentjerne. He also hosted a BBQ for selected members of the 17th Military Police Battalion.

13. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS

1A. PERSONNEL:

1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: Lt Col Eugene Moty, tentative arrival 23 Jun 05

2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: Lt Col Margaret Claytor, scheduled to depart in Aug 05

3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL:

- Mary Jo Villalobos, Language Center Coordinator, departs 11 May

- Kristin Pedroja, Test Developer, one-year contract

- Kathy Lance, English Teacher, one-year contract

- John Stephens, English Teacher, one-year contract

- Helen Prevost, English Teacher, one-year contract

4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE: 25 April to 6 May 2005

5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: None

6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: None

1B. RESOURCES. Vehicles and ADP equipment are 100%

operational. SA van headlights were replaced.

1C. LOGISTICS. The ODC is awaiting a decision from EUCOM J4 on whether the ODC will join the furniture pool at the Embassy.

14. WAY AHEAD (upcoming events next 60 days)

- 25 Apr - 6 May: ODC Chief Leave
- 27 Apr: SLO Holiday
- 2 May: SLO Holiday
- 17 May: EUCOM J4-ID Mil-to-Mil Planning
- 27 - 31 May: Congressional Delegation in Slovenia
- 7 - 9 June: Small Unit Event Final Planning Conf
- 27 Jun - 1 Jul: Rotary Wing PKO, Mil-to-Mil(SI-0776)

15. CHIEF COMMENTS:

1A. ACSA. Mr. Bozidar Humar, within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is responsible for finalizing the ACSA agreement. Some discrepancies in the translation of the original text were corrected and should be sent to us during the first week of May. Once we verify their proposed modifications they will start the ratification process with the Government and then their Parliament. They hope to have these modifications finalized in June.

1B. FMF Case Review. The ODC has initiated a review of all FMF cases to identify funds on existing cases that are not planned to be used. The goal is to free up funds where possible and make them available for other cases.

1C. The Coordinator of the English Language Center, Mary Jo Villalobos, departs Slovenia on 11 May after having spent nearly five years here. She set up and managed the English Language Center in Ajsevisa and will now move to United Arab Emirates to establish their school.

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